

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name:	SCOUT Meeting	Meeting Location:	Conference Room
Meeting Date:	March 27, 2025	Minutes Recorder:	Julianne O'Brien
Meeting Time:	10:00 a.m.	Minutes Reviewer:	Andra Taylor

Meeting Attendees and Organizational Representation:	Please see the Sign-in Sheet.
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome and Introductions	Andra welcomed everyone.	
Review of the previous minutes	<p>Danielle Weber would like her name removed from the previous Minutes of December 2024, because she didn't attend the meeting.</p> <p>Claudia Nelson approved the minutes with the removal of Danielle's name; Danielle Weber second the approval.</p>	
Old Business:		

<p>New Business</p>	<p>Meeting Frequency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It is recognized that the same people are on different committee meetings since Somerset County is a small jurisdiction. Because of how busy everyone is, it was discussed that the SCOUT meetings should be held quarterly. ● Andra will review the Bylaws and verify this with the funder, then email the group. <p>Somerset Rains Purple Campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yvette from Emergency Services has resigned from the Somerset Rains Purple and the SCOUT Committee. Will another organization take the lead? Any suggestions? If another organization doesn't take the lead Somerset Rains Purple will die out. ● SCOUT helps fund the Somerset Rains Purple campaign, if you have any ideas for the campaign, please email Andra. The budget is due by April 30th. ● Sgt. White has been in search of a trailer to use as the Hope Trailer, which is constructed to look like a teenager's bedroom to educate adults and make them aware of where teenagers hide drugs such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ false bottom to a soda can, ○ water bottles, ○ toothpaste, ○ food cans, ○ Folgers coffee can top is sealed but the bottom of the can is unscrewed. ● Sgt. White has been searching for a military trailer no longer used for the Hope Trailer. He found a trailer in Florida. The Florida Sheriff's office looked at the trailer for Sgt. White and told him the trailer was in good condition. When the hurricane came through Florida the trailer was back in service and off the market. ● Sgt. White has looked around for used trailers, but none met the requirements. ● Charles County bought a new trailer for approximately \$21,000 - \$22,000 and asked for donations to construct and furnish the trailer. The items that Charles County suggested having in the trailer are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ two air-conditioners - one in each end, the trailer gets hot, 	
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- insulated walls,
- vents,
- generator,
- electric sockets.
- Sgt. White is continuing to look for a military trailer.
- Hartford County spent approximately \$100,000 in total for their trailer.
- Once a trailer is obtained, ECI has volunteered manpower to build the inside of the trailer. A request can also be made to the Vocational Technical School for help.
- Thank you, Sgt. White for all of your work on this task.

Vending Machines

- Three more Vending Machines will be placed in the Somerset County community. Two of the vending machines are in production. The locations of the vending machines will be:
 - Deal Island Fire Department,
 - UMES,
 - Fairmount Fire Department - if they agree, if not another place will need to be found.
- The vending machines are built to be outside and raised so flooding will not be an issue.
- Somerset County Health Department (SCHD) pays for the vending machine supplies through grants. There is no cost to the community for the supplies.
- Deal Island Fire Department and UMES are looking forward to the vending machines.
- If the Fairmount Fire Department doesn't want the vending machine, where should the vending machine be located? Princess Anne near the Rewrap store?

Agency Updates

Avery Meyer - Maryland Office of Overdose Response

- The competitive grant award of \$12.4 million from the Opioid Restitution Fund will support 28 programs in Maryland. You can find the summary on the website.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substance Use Awareness Advocacy Day is on April 2, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Lawyer's Mall in Annapolis. • Funds were awarded for the MAT program. <p>Claudia Nelson - Somerset County Department of Social Services (DSS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April is Child Abuse Month, DSS will place pinwheels across the county. • The number of pinwheels does not represent the number of abused children. 	
Closing of the Meeting	The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.	
Next Meeting		